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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NEW APPOINTEES

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1. REFTEL REPORTED APPOINTMENTS OF, AMONG OTHERS, BRIG. GEN. TEFERI BENTI AS COMMANDER OF 2ND ARMY DIVISION, MAKONNEN MULAT AS LORD MAYOR OF ADDIS ABABA, AND DR. HAILE SELASSIE BELAY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF TIGRE PROVINCE. BIO FILES SHOW TEFERI TO BE AMHARA, 52 YEARS OLD, WHO PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED SCHOOL FOR ONE YEAR MILITARY TRAINING IN US AT LEAVENWORTH (64-65) AND SERVED AS MILITARY ATTACHE' IN WASHINGTON. TEFERI, FORMER J2 OF IE ARMED FORCES AND FORMER COMMANDER OF 3RD ARMY DIVISION IS SAID TO BE PRO-US. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE COMMENTS (SOME NEGATIVE) CONTAINED IR 6 830 0258.

2. MAKONNEN MULAT, FORMER VICE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS IS PRIMARILY FRENCH EDUCATED AND HAS SERVED AS CHIEF ENGINEER AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR OF MUNICIPALITY OF ADDIS ABABA. MAKONNEN, WHO HAS A GERMAN WIFE, IS REPUTED TO BE HONEST, UNASSUMING AND CONCERNED FOR THE WELFARE OF THE "COMMON MAN" -- REPORTEDLY A GOOD MAN FOR THE JOB.

3. DR. HAILE SELASSIE BELAY, FORMERLY HEAD OF REGULATORY RE-
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SEARCH AND SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,

REPORTEDLY HAS MS, PHD IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION ADMINISTRATION
FROM CORNELL. HE IS CONSIDERED TO BE WELL-QUALIFIED, COMPETENT
ADMINISTRATOR WHO IS HONEST AND INDEPENDENT-MINDED AND SOMETHING
OF A TECHNOCRAT. HE IS SAID TO POSSESS POSITIVE FEELINGS TOWARDS
THE US AND HIS EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE THERE. DR. HAILE SELASSIE
AND HIS WIFE, WHO WORKED FOR AID FOR ONE YEAR, ARE BOTH SAID TO
BE QUIET, RESERVED AND CONSERVATIVE.
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